



September E-Bulletin



Children and Young People's Network



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Welcome!

Welcome to this month's edition of the CYPN newsletter.

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer. Schools go back this week so I for one am looking forward to getting back to my 'normal' routine and hope the families and children you work with are too.

Our network meeting this month is coming up on Wednesday 26th September so please get in touch if you wish to come along. Details can be found on the next page.

I hope you find our e-bulletin useful. My aim as coordinator is to provide all members with relevant information regarding meetings, events, training, consultations and developments to ensure that the sector is informed and kept up to date at a local and national level.

If you have any information that you would like included in future e-bulletins or If you have any feedback regarding this e-bulletin then please contact me.

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Children & Young People's Network Co-Ordinator

For more information on the Network please see our pages on the website [here](#).



Star Project of the Month

Keynsham & District Mencap

Keynsham & District Mencap work to improve the lives and opportunities of children and adults with a wide range of learning disabilities.

Please see our website for more details:
<https://www.keynshammencap.org.uk/>

Keynsham Mencap are celebrating 40 years, launched in April 1978 by a group of parents frustrated about the lack of provision for their children who were affected by various learning disabilities. Small groups would meet up and go out with their friends to the pub or bowling.

The society now runs 10 projects, offering adults and children a broad range of opportunities, including 4 social clubs for children, 2 social clubs for adults, fitness and music; all enhancing vital friendships and social experiences.



We believe all children and adults with a Learning Disability should be able to access the same play, social and leisure activities as their peers.

Building on essential life skills, introducing more varied activities to its programme and increasing support is in the forefront of everything they do. Members

further develop the tools needed to become more self-sufficient and broaden their horizons.

Activities provided by Keynsham Mencap have helped to grow self-esteem which in turn has contributed to several adult members having the confidence to live independently in supported housing, work in employed or voluntary positions and enjoy meaningful relationships.

Our services are available to anyone in Keynsham and the surrounding areas with a Learning Disability and to their families. We welcome members from BANES, Bristol and South Glos as well as some further afield and have a membership of over 150.



We are a registered charity and rely entirely on grants, donations and fundraising as we receive no statutory funding. Keynsham & District Mencap Society is affiliated to, but not funded by National Mencap.

Keynsham & District Mencap Society works with all who want to improve the quality of life for people with a learning disability. It works in partnership and co-operates with all statutory and voluntary agencies that share its aims.

Members ages range from 5 – 18 years for junior clubs, and we run adult clubs for 18 years and over. The members have a broad range of needs and disabilities, including learning and physical disabilities, Autism, Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and Attention Deficit Disorder.

"My daughter enjoys the freedom to be herself and play and create with the help of a fantastic team of volunteers. The club is an invaluable asset to which we would like to say thank you!" – Vicky, Mum of Teigan, age 10

"Club is fun because we do lots of different activities with our friends. The staff are really nice." – Jess, age 17

If you would like any further details, please call us on: 01179 865659

Or email: laura@keynshammencap.org.uk

National News & information

Children of alcoholic parents to get help in £6m scheme

Children whose parents are alcoholic will be offered help under plans announced by the health secretary, [Jeremy Hunt](#) recently. The £6m package of measures is designed to help the estimated 200,000 children in England living with alcohol-dependent parents, offering rapid access to support and advice.

Disabled children's services face £1.5bn shortfall, charities warn

The **Disabled Children's Partnership**, which consists of 60 charities, has said the underfunding is leaving children and families in England struggling to get the help and support they need and will cost taxpayers more in the long run. The local authority social care services for disabled children face a £434m annual shortfall. The partnership wants the government to increase funding for disabled children's services including support in schools, short breaks and speech therapy. Without the extra money, it warns that services will be unable to sufficiently meet the needs of disabled children.

Government announces national 'youth integration' network

A national network of youth integration champions is to be established as part of government efforts to give young people from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to join national youth groups. £250,000 has been awarded to **Youth United Foundation** to establish the network and develop long-term approaches to creating lasting relationships between young people from different backgrounds. The initiative, which will aim to boost membership of uniformed groups such as Scouts, Police Cadets, and Girlguiding is part of the government's Integrated Communities Strategy in targeted areas of England.

Local & Regional News & information

Rainbow Resource has been redesigned.



Rainbow Resource has been a popular and well-used resource for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and their families for several years. Following consultation with parent carers and other stakeholders, a decision was made to redesign the site to make it even better.

Popular Community Bus gets £300 funding boost in Peasedown St John

A popular community initiative that sees a Big Blue Bus visiting rural areas has received a funding boost, thanks to the Peasedown Party in the Park Grant Fund.

Systemagic team get on their bikes in aid of Bath charity Designability

Local IT Support firm Systemagic are getting on their bikes to raise money for Bath-based charity Designability, which provides children with specially designed wheelchairs. The team aims to raise £4750 over the next 12 months, so they can sponsor a Wizzybug, an innovative powered wheelchair designed specifically for children under five who, due to their medical condition, are unable to walk or who can only walk with difficulty

Virgin Care helps families in Bath cook their way to a healthier lifestyle

Virgin Care's Health Improvement Service in Bath and North East Somerset has been helping families to create healthy and low cost meals and learn basic cookery skills. The 'Cook It' course aims to give families the opportunity to learn new cooking skills, get involved in informal discussions focused around healthy eating and spend valuable time with their families.

Business & Fundraising

Awards for All – Big Lottery

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need, particularly projects and activities that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage

Application packs are available from the Awards for All England webpages. This is a rolling programme in which applications may be submitted at any time.

Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Fund

A new £8 million Home Office fund available to organisations in England and Wales to support children who are exposed to domestic abuse. Bids must demonstrate how their support will link into wider support for victims of domestic abuse at a local level. Consortium bids incorporating larger and smaller organisations are particularly encouraged but must have a legal lead in order to enter into a grant agreement with the Home Office. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 19th September 2018.

The Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

Grants up to £25,000 for individuals and UK voluntary and community organisations to provide leisure activities for the disabled. Applications may be made at any time. Applications should be submitted online with a copy of the latest financial statements.

Quartet Grants available:

#Iwill (previously the youth Social Action Fund) The #iwill grant aims to raise the level and quality of youth social action, which has huge potential to create enjoyable opportunities and skills development for young people, benefitting local people and places. Funding of £1000 - £5000 Closing date: 25th September 2pm

Community Wellness fund Grant

Its aim is to tackle some of the causes of mental ill health, social isolation and distress, and to promote and improve people's mental and physical well-being. Maximum grant: £2,000 Closing date 12th October 2018

Community Awards - nominations open

Hosted by the Chair of Bath & North East Somerset Council

Nominations opened on Friday 3rd August 2018. The [Community Awards 2018/19](#) will recognise volunteers, community leaders, staff and businesses that make a positive contribution to the local community, putting people first and inspiring others to get involved. The Awards contribute to the Council's vision to make 'Bath and North East Somerset an even better place to live, work and visit'. The Awards are organised in partnership with B&NES CCG, CURO, Student Community Partnership, Bath College, Sirona Care and Health and B&NES Virgin Care.

This year they have introduced a new category 'Service to the Community' to recognise the exceptional service made by individuals and teams working across the Chair's Award partner organisations.

Residents, staff, councillors, businesses, organisations and groups, teachers, and volunteers from Bath and North East Somerset can nominate people and nomination forms must be returned by no later than **Friday 21st December 2018**. You can [nominate online or send a nomination form](#) email or post clearly marked The Community Awards 2018/19. **For more information contact: communityawards@bathnes.gov.uk**



12 hour Paediatric First Aid training course:

It is strongly recommended that you have someone who is qualified where you run any activity for children & young people.

OFSTED recognised qualification
£95 per person
Available for all

Venue: Odd Down Community Centre

Various dates and times available.

If you are interested or would like further information, please email
sarah@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

Training

B&NES Children's Workforce Training:

- **Working with parents & CSE** 10th Sept 9.30 – 4.30pm Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Eating Disorders** 27th Sept 9.30–1pm Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Neglect & Child protection awareness Training** 8th October 2018 9.30–1.00 Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Working with families of change resistant drinkers** 24th October 9.30 – 1.30pm The Community Space, Keynsham
- **CSE Awareness** Wed 14th November 9.30 – 1pm Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton

All bookings for the Children's Workforce Training should be made through the online booking System [here](#)

Further information is available from Children's Workforce Training 01225 394210 or childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk

If your Organisation has any specific training needs you would like me to investigate on behalf of the CYPN please get in touch!

Wellbeing Collage - Free Training for Volunteers

- [Everyday first aid to support people who are homeless](#) Wed 26th Sept 1.30 – 3.30pm, Bath College, Avon Street, Bath
- [Safeguarding adults and children](#) Thurs 25th Oct 10 – 1.30pm Bath

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the CYPN e-bulletin, if you have any feedback or would like to see me cover anything else in the next edition please do not hesitate to contact me at gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk